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tudes of the West Indies and that of the mountains of South America.

After discussion of the various papers, adjournment followed.

MARSHALL A. HOWE,
Secretary pro tem.

NEWS ITEMS

We learn from *Science* that Mr. J. C. Th. Uphof, of Amsterdam, author of "Die Pflanzengattungen," has been appointed gardener for the Botanical Garden at the Michigan Agricultural College. He will also do work in connection with the herbarium. He is expected to enter upon his duties in the latter part of February.

Dr. Jean Baptiste Edouard Bornet, well known for his morphological and taxonomic writings on the algae, died at his home in Paris on December 18, 1911, aged 83 years. He was associated with Gustave Thuret in the publication of the classical "Notes Algologiques" and "Études Phycologiques" which did much to lay the foundations of an accurate knowledge of the structure and modes of reproduction of the marine algae. Figures from the detailed and beautifully artistic plates of these works have been familiar to students of the standard botanical textbooks for the past thirty years.

At the University of Pennsylvania Mr. F. W. Pennell has been granted a fellowship in botany and Mr. J. Y. Pennypacker a botanical scholarship.

Dr. C. B. Robinson, for several years connected with the Philippine Bureau of Science, has returned to New York. His address, for the present, will be the New York Botanical Garden, where he will continue his studies on the flora of the Philippines, and on the family VACCINIACEAE.